MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BOILING SPRING

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHRISTIANA BAPTIST CHURCH, Clay Co. Ala.

On the 12th, 13th and 14th Sept., 1868. 1868

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SEPTEMBER 12TH, 13TH & 14TH.

The Boiling Spring Baptist Association met according to adjournment

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. M. GARRETT, at 1 o'clock, A. M., from Ephesians 1st c 7th v., "In whom we have redemption, through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches o his grace;" followed by Eld. S. G. Jenkins. Took recess of one hour for refreshment. At 1 o'clock, P. M. the Association convened for the transaction of business The former Moderator, being absent, Eld. John Garrett was appointed Moderator pro. tem.—Prayer by Eld. J. P. Shaffer, after which bro. Jer. Stevens, and Dr. E. Frost, by request, received the letters from the different churches. Eld's W. T. Davis, & J. P. Shaffer, were requested to read the letters from the churches. The following brethren were duly accredited as delegates, viz:

Bethlehem—Eld's M. Garrett, J. J. Teague;* breth'n J. Walker,* and S. H. Bean, alter.

Bethsida—Rev P R Tennison, breth. James F. Birchfield, James Teague, and Ivy Hill, alt.

Hepsabah—Eld. J. D. Jordan, breth Thomas Strong, John Bowman.

Pleasant Hill—Breth J W Denman,* J T Smith, T J Teague, and D. C McSwain, alt.

Ramah—Rev. Jer Stevens, Eld W O Jenkins, breth. R Fullerton and James McClintock, alt.

Mt. Moriah—Eld. John Garrett, breth Dr. E Frost, Eld. A Smith and H G Preston, alt.

Mt. Olive—Breth. T. S. Ashcraft, Claburn Sims, Jeremiah P. Sims, & S T Sims, alt.

Christiana—Brethren Tobias Cockral, Thomas Thompson, Jas Thompson and John Stevens, alt.

Union—Eld J A Shadix, brethren James H Armstrong, M F McClintock and Robert Shadix, alt.

Providence—Not Represented.

Salt Creek—Eld James Adams, brethren Elias Adams, Albert Adams, and Wm A Barrette, alt.

Shilo—Eld Wm S Lackey* Rev T H Hood* brethren Joseph Wright and A J Estes, alt.

NOTE—Absentees maked thus*

The Association then went into the choice of a Moderator and Clerk, by ballot. Elds S G Jenkins and J P Shaffer were requested to act as tellers in the election, which resulted in the election of Elder John Garrette, Moderator, and Eld. Wm O Jenkins, Clerk.

The Association being organized, it was announced in order, and ready for business.—Called for petitionary letters, received Hepsibah church, with letter and delegates from Arbacoochee Association, and Shilo a newly constituted church, with letter, delegates, and Articles of Faith, and extended the right hand of fellowship.

A call being made for correspondence, brother Eld Ellerson Miller, with

Minute, was received from Arbacoochee Association—Eld S G Jenkins with letter from the Coosa River Association—Elds P Shaffer, Wm T Davis and brother J L Williams from Cary Association. The right hand of fellowship given, and invited to seats with us.

On motion, the Report on Bible cause was read and discussed, and two very able speeches were made by Eld S G Jenkins and Eld J P Shaffer, which commanded the entire attention of the audience.

Preaching the Missionary Sermon was dispensed with for the present session. Appointed Committee on preaching, viz: J T Smith, E A Smith, E Adams, Tobias Cockral, Thomas Thompson. The committee on preaching reported Eld J D Jordan to preach at 9 o'clock, A M. Sabbath; Eld J P Shaffer at 11 o'clock, and Eld S G Jenkins at 2 o'clock P M. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The stand was occupied by the brethren appointed. Each of them delivered able discourses, and there was deep interest manifested during service. The congregation was large and orderly; and we think much good will result from the exercises of the day.

Monday morning, met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder William T Davis.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Appointed a committee on Finance, viz: brethren J T Smith, Jer Stevens, Elias Adams. Called for different reports.—Domestic Missions (A) read and adopted. Took up a collection for domestic missions—received $3 cash, and $38 50 by subscription.

Sabbath School Report (B) read and adopted. Obituary (C) read and adopted Report on Temperance (D) read and adopted. Report on Bible cause (E) read and adopted. Treasurer's Report (F) adopted.

Adjourned until two o'clock for refreshment.

Monday evening 2 o'clock, met according to adjournment—prayer by Eld James Adams. The Moderator appointed the following committee on nominations namely, brethren Eli A Smith, Tobias Cockral, James Thompson. In response to the letter from Mount Moriah Church, and for the brethren's satisfaction, we adopt the following: Whereas, at our last session, Mount Moriah Church, a member of this Association, applied for a letter of dismission from this body, which we were bound to have granted, but from our extreme unwillingness to part with them, or our kind and brotherly fellowship for the church, it was waived, hoping that it would remain a member of this body—Be it therefore resolved, That this Association ask their pardon for not having done their duty in that particular.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, to report at the annual meeting in 1869:

Domestic Missions—Eld's James A Shaddix, James Adams, Rev T H Howl.

Sabbath Schools—Breth'n J T Smith, J Wright, J H Armstrong.
Obituaries—Eld W O Jenkins, breth'n E Adams, T Cockral.
Temperance—Rev Jer Stevens, Eld J D Jordan, bro Dr E Frost.
Bible—Eld W O Jenkins, breth'n E A Smith, H E Allen.
Executive—Brother J T Smith, Rev Jer Stevens, bro J H Armstrong.
Queries—Brethren M F McClintock, Thomas Thompson.

Returned Correspondence to sister Associations, as follows:

To the Cary—Elders M Garrette, J A Shaddix, W O Jenkins, John Garrette, Rev. Jer Stevens, brother Thomas Thompson—to commence with the Salem Church, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in Oct. 1868, near Wesobulga, Clay County, Alabama.

To the Ten Islands—Eld's M Garrette, J J Teague, James Adams—to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in Sept. 1868.

To the Arbacoochee—Elders John Garrette, W O Jenkins—to commence on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in Oct. 1868, at Big-spring Church, nine miles west of Wedowee.

To the Tallassehatchee—brethren J T Smith, J W Denman—to commence Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1868.

To the Coosa River—Elders M Garrette, J J Teague—to commence Saturday before the third Sabbath in Sept 1868, in Fayetteville, Ala.

FINANCE—Report rec'd and adopted—Minute fund	$22 85
Home Missions fund by subscription,	38 50
" " " by cash,	3 00
TOTAL, " "	$41 50

Preaching labor subscribed 34 days.

Executive report no funds on hand, therefore nothing has been done during the past year. J. T SMITH, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS LAID BEFORE THE BODY.

Resolved, That Art 1st of the Constitution of the Association be struck out, and the following be inserted instead thereof:

Art. 1st. The members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union, with all the Ordained Ministers, shall compose the association.

Resolved, That said resolution be laid over until our next meeting for the consideration of the body.

Resolved, That W O Jenkins act as Treasurer for the present associational year.

NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to make the following report: Eld J D Jordan to preach the Introductory Sermon on Saturday

and Eld James Adams, alternate—Eld J J Teague to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath, Eld J A Shaddix, alternate.

Resolved, That the Clerk have two hundred and fifty copies printed, and that minutes be distributed to the various churches according to the amount of money sent up by each church, and that Elder M Garrette, and Eld J J Teague act as distributing agents, for the first District, and Eld J A Shaddix and Rev Jere Stevens for the second District.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and sisters of Christiana Church, and the citizens of this community, for the hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

On motion, read and adopted the Minutes.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Salt Creek Church, Talladega county, Alabama, Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1869.

A hymn being sung, the parting hand was given—prayer by brother Eld M Garrette, and closed.

JOHN GARRETTE, *Moderator.*

WM. O. JENKINS, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

(A)—REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report, that in our bounds, there is some destitution amongst the white population for the preached word of God. But owing to the distressed condition of the colored population, your committee would call the special attention of the Association to them, as well as to the destitute whites. The relations that heretofore existed, having been dissolved, between them and the whites, they are left as sheep without a shepherd, uncared for and unwept for, to a considerable extent; and your committee would advise the association to adopt some plan in her wisdom to supply them with monthly Baptist preaching in Fishhead valley, and to some extent, or to whatever extent we can procure the means, in Choccolocco valley. And to organize them into separate churches as soon as advisable. All of which we would respectfully submit.

M. GARRETTE, Chairman.

(B)—REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, that there has been but very little interest made manifest in our body the past year in this important work. We would urge every member, composing the several churches of this body, to be more vigilant, in the cause of Bible education, as it is a fountain of knowledge, and better qualifies us all for every station in life, both in Church and State.

JER. STEVENS, Chairman.

(C)—OBITTARY REPORT.

Your committee on Obituaries beg leave to make the following report. There has been no deaths of Ministers or Deacons in our body during the past year, for which we have great reason to be thankful to an all-wise Providence.

JAMES A. SHADDIX, Chairman.

(D)—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The almost immortal Watts, said "The mind makes the man," and we are ready to say therefore, that whatever injures the mind and blunts the moral sensibilities, is an evil that every sensible man and especially every citizen of Zion should avoid, and lift up his hand and voice against, so long as it is found extant in the land.

We know ardent spirits to be such an evil; a stimulant that acts with such energy and vehemence, as to affect the nervous hemisphere of the brain, that the entire mental is so deranged that the mind cannot, and does not perform its usual functions, but is found in a state of excited delirium, from which necessarily follows debauchery and bestial habits; only which the complete overthrow of the victim's dignity is effected, and then the work of final ruin is accomplished.

By the use of ardent spirits, the mind, the only thing that seperates men from beasts, and makes him superior to them, is entombed; therefore we conclude that the vanquishment and overthrow of an enemy that gnaws as a vampire at the heart of man, the only creature that God was pleased to create for his glory, and bless with a mind and moral nature, is a matter of so much importance and interest to our race, as to call for the united efforts of every true child of grace to put the haggard monster to flight; and that such effort deserves to be chronicled upon our ministry, as a part of our history; that our children and our children's children shall read with swelling pride in after ages the conduct of their sires, as they stood first in the spirit of their Master, to oppose that evil that has made the widow mourn in poverty and shame over the decease of a drunden and debauched husband, that has made the knife red with the blood of man—that has made the world to howl with misery—in short, that is the destroyer of the mind, and therefore the destroyer of the whole man.

Be it resolved therefore, That it is the sense of this Association, that the intemperate use of ardent spirits impairs the intellect, blunts the moral sensibilities, and wholly unfits man for the discharge of his temporal or spiritual duties; and that it is there ore the duty of every citizen of Zion, to discourage and discountenance its intoxicating use, by every means in their power; and that if our brethren will be druuken, that it is the duty of the church to withdraw from any such disorderly brother.

W. O. JENKINS, Chairman.

(E)—REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee beg leave to report: The late new translation of the Bible has not been published, so far as your committee is informed; but the New Testament has, and has already a large circulation; and we would advise our people all to peruse and read it, notwithstanding the sectarian prejubices that are arraigned against it; and if it merits to judge for yourselves. Your committee does not believe that the Bible has had, nor is now receiving that marked and special attention of our own people that it should. Why this is so with the Baptists is hard to account for. We hold that it is the standard or Teacher of our distinctive principles—that the teaching of the Bible is a rule of our faith and practice, and leads us necessarily to differ from others called Christians, who do not stick to it. We hold that the Bible is our sole rule, or entire rule of faith. Then why, oh why, so careless of the Bible? Why not search the scriptures daily, for in them we think we have eternal life. The scriptures are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, and for correction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished. It is a light to our path, it is a lamp to our feet—it is perfect, converting the soul, and is pure, making wise the simple. It is the great centre of literary and scientific knowledge. Your committee do earnestly recommend to the churches composing this association to form Bible classes in her several churches, and to meet weekly, or at least monthly, for the purpose of discussing, explaining and amplyfying what they have learned or meditated on, during the past week or month. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. GARRETT, Chairman.

[F)—TREASURER'S REPORT.

No funds on hand, except that shown in the finance report, which was received during the session.

W. O. JENKINS, Treasurer.

Names and Post Offices of Ministers in the bounds of the Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Garrette, Oxford, Calhoun Ala.
James D. Jordan, Delta, Clay,
John Garrette, " "
James Adams, Silver Run, Tal.
J J Teague, Chulafinne, Cleburne,
Wm. O. Jenkins, Delta, Clay,
James A. Shaddix, " "
W. S Lackey, Corn Grove, Cleb.

LICENTIATES.

Jer Stevens, Delta, Clay, Ala.
P. R. Timerson, Chulafinne, Cleburne, "
T. M. Howl, Corn Grove, Calhoun, "

Received Minute Fund, ... $22 85
" Blank Book " 1 75

[It will be remembered, that the Clerk was authorized to purchase a Blank Book, for the purpose of having all the Minutes of the Boiling Spring Association transcribed therein; and the Blank Book fund that is inserted above under the minute fund is a part of that fund, and all that has been paid as yet. CLERK.

Received of W. O. Jenkins. Clerk, $25 00 for printing three hundred copies of these Minutes. March 1st, 1869. J. F. GRANT.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICE.	CHURCH SUPPLY.	Sab. Meet'gs.	Ordained min	Rec. by Bap.	Rec. by let.	Rec. by Res.	Granted Let.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Min. Fund.
Bethlehem	Cleburne, Ala	Oxford	J. J. Teague	2	2		2		3	2		26	$2 0
Bethsaida	" "	Chulafinne	James Adams	4		2	8		6		1	27	2 00
Hepsabah	" "	"	James D. Jordan	3			1		9	4	1	46	2 00
Pleasant Hill	" "	"	Wm O. Jenkins	1		3	1		1			26	2 00
Ramah	Clay "	Delta	Wm. T. Davis	3	1		2		8	2		36	3 00
Mt Moriah	" "	"	Wm. T. Davis	1	1		2		6			59	2 50
Mt Olive	" "	"	James A. Shaddix	1			1			2	1	12	1 00
Christiana	" "	"	James A. Shaddix	4		1	4		4	1		59	2 50
Union	" "	"	James Adams	2	1	6	7	2	10	3	1	51	2 25
Providence	" "	Bowdon	.... Woodall	1									
Salt creek	Talladega "	Silver Run	James A Shaddix	1	1	9	3		3	2	1	88	2 00
Shilo	Calhoun "	Corn Grove	D. P. Williams	1	1	8	9					29	1 60
						29	40	250	16	5		466	2285